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As He Hath Prospered Thee.

1 Cor. 16:2: "Let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him."

Hast thou been blest with bounteous store,
With home and friends—all these and more?
Then surely thou wilt grateful be
And give as He hath prospered thee.

Or hast thy sheaf been gleaned in pain;
And scant thy store of garnered grain?
Then well thou knowest He walked thy way,
And crowned thy toil with love to-day.
If with His love thrice blest thou'lt be,
Then give as He hath prospered thee.

As He hath prospered thee, Oh give!
And help some other soul to live.
Since thou hast ever His dear Word,
And all its tender bidding heard—
Some other soul in need wilt see,
And give as He hath prospered thee.

Or hast thou oft been tempted sore
And bitter wrong and sorrow bore?
Then He who died will hear thy cry.
So wilt thou find thy Helper nigh.

And by thy faith will strengthened be,
'Tis thus through trial He prospers thee.

Dost wear the crown of motherhood?
Then praise Him for His gift so good—
For hands that cling, and little feet
To guide, and for His use make meet.
And to thy trust be true, dear heart,
Since rich and prosperous thou art.

If one fair day in all thy life,
Seem strangely calm and free from strife,
One glad, sweet day, from sorrow free,
If God with peace hath prospered thee,
Then give thy gold in grateful praise,
That all may know His wondrous ways.

Perchance thy loved one's weary feet
Sought rest in Heaven's border sweet.
Let not thy heart make bitter moan,
But while safe-folded is thine own
Say, "Lord my gifts I bring to Thee,
For well I know Thou prosperest me."

In joy or pain, in loss or gain,
Thy giving shall not be in vain,
If with a heart of love dost bring
In faith, thy lowly offering,
And at His feet, some day, thou'lt see,
How truly He hath prospered thee.

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